The Government has decided to seek the recommendations of TRAI on the existing foreign investment limits for different segments that may be retained or revised as per the enclosed statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Segment	Existing limit	Proposed limit
1.	Teleport (Hub)	49%(FDI+FII)	74%(FDI+FII)
2.	DTH	49%(FDI+FII) [within 49%, FDI component not to exceed 20%]	74%(FDI+FII)
3.	Satellite Radio	No policy as on date	74%(FDI+FII)
4.	HITS	No policy as on date	74%(FDI+FII)
5.	Cable Network	49%(FDI+FII)	49%(FDI+FII)
6.	FM Radio	20%(FDI+FII)	24%(FDI+FII)
7.	TV Channels (News & Current Affairs Channels)	26%(FDI+FII)	26%(FDI+FII)

Ceiling on channels and DTH rates by TRAI

3183. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India proposes to put ceiling on channels and DTH rates:

(b) whether TRAI has asked broadcasters not to charge premium of more than 50 per cent·

(c) if so, the details of the proposal: and

(d) what is Government doing to give level playing fields to both DTH and Cable TV operators in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) after discussions with the pay channel broadcasters have finalized the road map for providing a level playing field for both DTH and Cable TV operators. There has been a general consensus on the composition of bouquets and pricing of *a-la-carte* channels and bouquets. The Broadcasters will offer the same bouquets to the DTH operators as are being offered by them for non-CAS cable distribution. In addition, they are free to offer additional bouquets. The rates of bouquets and *a-la-carte* rates of pay channels so offered to the DTH operators will broadly be inconsonance with the TDSAT's judgement dated 31 March, 2007 in petition No. 189(C) of 2006 and judgement dated 14 July, 2006 in petition No. 136(C) of 2006 wherein the rates were to be fifty per cent of the rates at which these bouquets/channels are being offered by them for non-CAS cable distribution i.e. non-addressable platform. The above arrangement is expected to provide a leval playing field.